



Milwaukee County

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SUPERVISOR SANFELIPPO STATEMENT ON APPOINTMENT OF DAS DIRECTOR

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Joe Sanfelippo released the following statement regarding the County Executive's appointment of Patrick Farley to the position of Director of the Department of Administrative Services:

"I urge my colleagues on the County Board to carefully consider the message that will be sent to our constituents and fellow County employees if Patrick Farley's confirmation for reappointment as Director of DAS is denied by the full Board.

"There is no legitimate reason Mr. Farley should not be reconfirmed. No one has questioned his qualifications or ability. He successfully helped usher a budget through the County last fall, which is no small accomplishment for a person new to the position. And he has the full confidence of his boss, County Executive Chris Abele.

"Mr. Farley currently serves on the Village of Greendale's Fire and Police Commission where he is considered by many including Village President John Hermes and Greendale Judge Mark Kapocius to be an ethical man of high quality and strong moral character who conducts himself with professionalism.

"Milwaukee County operates a Fraud Hotline and encourages individuals to report any suspected illegal action or abuse involving County employees or resources. Furthermore, the aptly-named Finance and Audit Committee promotes the expectation of accountability, openness and transparency. Whether Mr. Farley's reappointment was denied in Committee because he didn't kiss the right rings, or it was in retaliation for having the audacity to be a whistleblower against one of our own, a terrible message has been sent to our fellow employees and constituents.

"Only Mr. Farley's experience, character and qualifications should be considered for his reappointment, and only one conclusion makes sense: a vote to confirm."

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